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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the November 27, 2007 Advisory Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal on September 24, 2007. Applicants have submitted herewith a request for a five-month extension of time to file an Appeal Brief and have authorized the Director to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0725 the applicable fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). Thus, the time for submitting an Appeal Brief is April 24, 2008. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, applicants are submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply. Remarks begin at page 12 of this Reply.